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McAliley receives district attorney appointment from Gov. Siegelman

by Linda Hodge, Editor became vacant more than a month ago following the Two days following the appointment of former district announcement from Alabama - attorney Mark Fuller to a feder-Attorney General Bill Pryor that al judgeship in Montgomery. Tom Sorrells would be the "act- Before Pryor named Sorrells

ing" district attorney for the as the "acting" district attorney, Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court, Joel Folmar filled the void and Alabama Governor Don prosecuted a few cases. Siegelman made his choice and With this appointment from named Gary McAliley as the Siegelman, McAliley will now permanent replacement for the complete the term in which McAliley received confirma- There are two years left on the

tion on Friday, Dec. 20, that he term for McAliley to serve out. would be the new district attor- In his letter to McAliley. ney for Coffee and Pike coun- Siegelman said, "I appreciate ties, and he took his oath of your serving in this capacity, office on Monday, Dec. 23. and I am confident you will ren-At the age of 54, McAliley der a valuable service to the cit-

enters his new role as district izens of Alabama. attorney after vacating a spot as With the district attorney's Circuit Court Judge, and he has spot now filled, a replacement said he is ready to take charge will need to be named for and get to work. The district attorney's spot as Circuit Court Judge.

University of Alabama's "Educated Guesses"

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Lanoue, "It will fail partly
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memory," Lanoue said. "It will better."

Riley to face crossroads in 2003 The upcoming year will would have thought it a long-

McAliley in the role he vacated

Fuller was elected to serve.

politicians want it, certainly for 2003. The above is one of departments that have not been remembered as one of uncertocome.



Apolitical science department. they will have to come up with through this area. The 'My guess is that his attempt a coherent opposition to

ly lean and because the needs are quite substantial."

The link between George are quite substantial."

The Coffee County about these items...pay them or proper approval should be Board of Education by allowing responsible for that bill.

County engineer Bandy Tindell

important first year for an they will be less forgiving as acquiring anything. Also, he and justify a reason for not Dalrymple said college offi-



define Bob Riley's term as gov- shot if Siegelman won, and I SAFETY FIRST...Coffee County was certainly no stranger to road and bridge progress during the year 2002 as the four-laning of U.S. ernor and may include the think it's an even longer shot Highway 84 made its way across the county line and construction of the Ballard Bridge project got underway. Alabama Department of Republican governor calling for with Riley in there."

Transportation officials announced midway through April 2002 that work on the replacement of Ballard Bridge over Pea River on Alabama some sort of tax or fee increase At the national level, Lanoue Highway 134 in Coffee County between the Ino and Perry's Store communities had begun. Since that time, construction crews have conto assist in the state's funding says, "I think the Democratic tinued work on the new bridge and have made remarkable progress. Once complete, the new bridge is expected to make travel through the crisis, predicts the chairman of Party will spend 2003 at war area safer for motorists as it will be wider and stronger than the current bridge. As shown from the above photo, motorists traveling through The University of Alabama's with each other. They know the area can get a firsthand look at the construction work; however, they are continuously urged to use extreme caution while traveling

to solve the funding crisis by President Bush, but there is no During Coffee County Commission meeting ceed to the point that he wants it guess is that we may see a cou-

One of Riley's specific cam- and the Democrat's next presi- bimonthly meeting Monday, "I've got to have these depart- In other business, commis- and his department assist paign comments caught Lanoue's eye. "There was one Lanoue says. "The better Bush point as business was conducted county to properly Enterprise side basketball court. thing he said...if all else failed does, the more other Democrats in less than 30 minutes with all go through procething he said...If all else failed he would consider calling for a tax increase. I think it was significant that he left that door nificant ni

nificant that he left that door open." A tax increase will not come in the form of a property tax hike, as some have suggest
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County administrator Wilson Mobley informed commission-bound the motion made of the lawn care at the Coffee Lanoue says Bush's popularity with department heads ordering. ed. Movement might come, Lanoue said, in terms of increased home rule, which increased home rule, whic could allow counties to raise local taxes without having to petition the state legislature or hold statewide referendums.

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Wilson dugout area at the girls softball field to hold these bills until the department heads to bond on the county courthouse giving in 2002 but I area of the department heads to bond on the county courthouse giving in 2003 but I area of the flat was softball field. "I think this will be the most giving in 2002, but I expect get a purchase order before come before the commission' under construction.

Alabama governor in recent memory." Lanoue said. "It will better."

said he has even sent letters to properly getting a purchase cials assure him this money will coffee County Commission will better."

said he has even sent letters to vendors asking them not to sell order. allow the field to be finished be Monday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m., in really define what he's going to do."

"Educated Guesses 2003."
the 22nd edition of The Constitutional reform efforts

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The document of The University of Alabama's annual anything to a county department if a purchase order is not presented at the time the order is county complex in New Brockton.

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Constitutional reform efforts will not see significant movement, Lanoue prediction package is faculty predictions of what lies ahead for 2003. The above is one of the departments that have not been this fall late, and it just

universities want it, but I don't see any real grass-roots support for it, thus far," Lanoue said. "I those prediction hits the mark or not."

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especially unpredictable. In bill is so important to farmers," us some protection from this addition to the weather, farmers said Alfa Farmers President kind of disaster and also from anxiously awaited passage of a Jerry Newby. "A lot of our farm- low prices." new farm bill that would affect ers thought they had a bumper The year began with snow for

Area Happenings

responsible for that bill. - county engineer Randy Tindell

some Alabama farmers, rain for others. But for many, especially those in south Alabama, a drought continued from the previous year. The United States Department of Agriculture declared a drought disaster for every county in Alabama,

except for Mobile. Baldwin County farmer Chad DeVine knows better than most that farming is an uncertain business. Earlier this year, he dodged the drought problems and thought he might harvest two bales of cotton per acre. It promised to be one of his best crops ever. Now, he's not sure if

you can harvest his crop. "Total, we've probably gotten about 30 inches of rainfall or more in the past eight weeks." DeVine said in early December. "It is disheartening to watch a crop all year and then have it ruined by the weather. But that's farming. It's always uncertain."



The DARE program at Elba Elementary School has long been one of the most recognized and successful programs throughout the Elba City School System. It is designed for sixth grade students to teach them about drug and alcohol awareness and resistance, and although the program has been ongoing at Elba for quite some time, the students and instructors still recognize the importance of the community's help. With that said, the students involved with this year's DARE program recently presented Representative Terry Spicer with a giant card of thanks for all he does in helping the program be successful. DARE instructor Dean Blair said the program would not continue to be as successful as it is without the help of nmunity leaders such as Spicer. The card was signed by all members of the 2002-03 DARE class

EDITORIAL

Many of the so called political experts are suggesting that George W. Bush's popularity (read re-election chances) is tied to the flag waving, tough talking, etc., with the perceived bad guys. Thinking about that a bit can start a person worrying a bit. It raises the ques-lobbyists and congressional There are two principal web sional legislative calendar, see wide appeal: FirstGov tion of "Will George W. put this country in a war to assure his reelection?" Surely not, but it is easy to make an argument in that

Those in Coffee County who were reporting that Gary McAliley Congressmen would be appointed District Attorney were correct it happened. Now it remains to be seen if those same predictors will be correct on the naming of a person to replace McAliley in the now vacant Washington to gain Circuit Judge's position. The fact that the first reports were correct timely access to has motivated more than one group to get active and make some suggestions on filling this important slot. It is watching such stuff as congress on all this unfold that makes observing politics so interesting to this country boy. You could say, "We don't have a dog in the hunt but enjoy Congressional hearing the various hounds bark when they, strike a fresh trail."

The news Monday morning carried a story about the three people being killed in a Yeman hospital. As most of our readers know by now, one of the two women killed in the attack was a medical doc-Here was a medical doctor in a hospital in Yeman for the expressed and Senate via a number of "Thomas," is a database for homepage, is a treasure trove of speeds up emails to me, and I purpose of helping some less fortunate Yeman citizen. Along comes self appointed "saviour" of Yeman and/or the other Muslin people who kills this person who only wanted to help. It sounds more stupid the more we dwell on the issue and try to find some shred of

In Hollywood, FL there is a religious sect claiming to have successfully cloned a woman. If Baby Eve is more than the hoax claimed by many mainstream religious leaders, it will be the very first beginning Monday, Dec. 23, (8:23 a.m.); Minor vehicle acci- addition to tour and historical visit Washington on-line. recorded cloning of a human. The group hasn't presented any credible evidence of their success, thus causing many to accuse them of ible evidence of their success, thus causing many to accuse them of incidents: one criminal misfraud. Ironically, even if this is a weird hoax, we predict such a chief, one threat, two for disor- 1883 Hickman Ave. (12:42) cloning will happen within the next year or so anyway - by someone. The members of this relatively small religious group (Raelians
or a sub-sect called Clonaid) believe that aliens created all life on
or a sub-sect called Clonaid) believe that aliens created all life on
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Conet, one threat, two for disorderly conduct, one domestic
violence, two for public intoxication, one resisting arrest, one

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businesses and industries, coursbegins Jan. 13, and it will feaes to enhance current job skills,
ture a variety of options for stucan't laugh real loud about the fact their leader reportedly got this damage and one domestic dismessage in a dream, 'cause there are stories of many dreams and visits from angels throughout our religious backgrounds also. Of course the Raelians will now surely point to this event as proof of made: one for domestic vio- patched to Claxton Ave. due to a made: one for domestic vio

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the same time period were: Yancey

Traffic citations issued during - Alarm activated at 14055 Hwy. 23, 2002, through December 29, 2002. They were: Cheryl Defee, Alma Wise, Cola Carnley, Elaine

Chroni Maddevs, Established Chroni Maddevs, Established Chronic Ma Marquita Burks, Kathy Mularz, Marquita Burks, Kathy Mularz, River stage - 7.80 feet (6:46 p.m.); Alarm activated at 627

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Elba Police Report

theft of property, one vehicle Washington Ave. (10:48 p.m.).

lence, two for public intoxica- tree on a power line (1:06 a.m.); one for resisting arrest, one for a.m.); Routine activity. failure to appear and one for

following patients admitted dur- Hussey, Annabelle Wilkes, the week were as follows: two 84 E. (1:07 a.m.); River stage ing the time period of December Clifton Matthews, L.F. Capps, for driving with a suspended dri
12.68 feet (6:52 a.m.); Minor Semonelle, Shirley Hopkins, Joe
Bill Smith, Andrea Wicker, Debra

Cheryl Defee, Claudia Behrens,
Patricia Clark, Debra Ledbetter,
Daily activity highlights for Ledbetter, Claudia Behrens, Andrea Wicker, Elaine Patricia Clark, Alvonte Hill, Semonelle, Alvonte Hill, MONDAY DECEMBER 27

Betty Sasser and Makayla Polk. Joe Bill Smith, Shirley Hopkins, a.m.); Burglary reported at 742 Adams St. (10:33 a.m.); Loud Reese Ave. (9:27 p.m.); music reported on Taylor Mill Disturbance reported at Tootle Rd. (6:24 p.m.). Bugs on Jones St. (9:27 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - Prowler reported at 14055 Elba Fire Department dis- Hwy, 84 E. (4:36 a.m.); River patched to a grass fire on Hwy. stage - 9.46 feet (7:55 a.m.); 189 S just past the Packing Civil disturbance (not in House Rd. (3:32 a.m.); Alarm progress) reported at 1403 Smith Ave. (2:06 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1826 CALL Woodland Dr. (9:17 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 -

River stage - 9.08 feet (6:53

a,m.); Elba Fire Department

responded to a fire alarm at the

Elba Nursing Home (8:31 a.m.);

Alarm activated at 2540 Taylor

Mill Rd. (2:15 p.m.); Domestic

dispute reported at 353 Brunson

Circle (5:06 p.m.); Alarm acti-

vated at 627 Adams St. (6:45

p.m.); Loud music reported near

1243 Hwy. 166 (6:52 p.m.).

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER campus day and evening and the tion basic courses teaching read-The following arrests were 25 - Elba Fire Department disfull-term and mini-term courses.

Language, and preparation for tion, one for disorderly conduct, River stage - 12.37 feet (6:55 will be offered weekends and on mation about being admitted to the internet. A variety of study the College, taking courses options are also available with through any programs, or regis-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 the traditional academic transfer tering for courses, call the main

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Belcher, Rev. E. Magwood. Montgomery, AL, Otis and Survivors include her hus- Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Orlando, Fl.

Church, January 4, 2003. end. A.R. Williams is the minister at 2002-holidays.

***The Mulberry Missionary Be grateful. Baptist District Ministers,

Deacons and Laymen's Union convened at Friendship MB. JANICE BRYAN

***A Mission Minded Joyce B. Johnson, Tuscumbia, band: Lanney E. Bryan, Home of Elba directing, Mr. Women's Conference to be held AL, visited Wallace and Mattie Brantley; four daughters: Lowery was preceded in death DONALD B. HUDSON at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Belcher of Elba this past week- Deborah Parks, Troy, Pam Lucy, by his son Justin Lowery. There will be a brunch at 9:00 ***Many friends and relatives Mobile, Melissia Simmons, Christine Boswell Lowery of of December, 2002. He was Ms. Tinnie Smith Copeland, a.m. and lunch will be served at from other cities and states trav- Luverne; three sons: Joey Jack; one son and daughter-in- born in Montgomery, AL in age 85, of New Brockton, Ala., noon. The Theme will be "It's eled to Elba to visit with their McLendon and Carl Stewart, law, Tobi and Christie Lowery, 1925 where he resided until his died Dec. 26, 2002 at Enterprise all about Jesus." Isaiah 9:6. Rev. families during the Christmas both of Montgomery, Chad and two granddaughters- retirement as the Comptroller of Medical Center.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist ***Happy New Year...2003! Betty Hunt, Troy.

Card of Thanks We would like to express our appreciation for the concern and love shown to us during the death of our oved one, Lula Marler tthrough the calls, cards, food, flowers, visits and most of all, prayers. We would also like to thank Dr. Ryhne, nurses and staff at Medical Center- Enterprise and Pat Morris. May God richly bess you is our prayer. Louise Marler

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& Bryant Families, Ella M. Elba and Rocky Head Dec. 23, 2002 at Baptist AL, died Sunday December 29, Melaney and Tim Douglas, Tim 98, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, Brooks, Leo Henderson, Evelyn M.B.Church were: Alan Medical Center East, 2002 at his residence. Funeral and Kaye-Holder, 5 grandchil- to celebrate the life of Donald Manning, Rev. Joyce B. Belcher, Marcus Kelley, Annie Montgomery, Ala. Johnson, Johnnie M. Daniels, Pearl Carpenter, Brittany Funeral services were held Funeral Home Chapel on dren. He was preceded in death Hendricks and Don Ulrich offi-Rev. Elsie Copes, Edwina Daniels, Ernestine Kelley, Dec. 24, 2002 at Bullock Baptist Tuesday, December 31, 2002 by a son Stephen Holder; also ciated. Cheatham, Ruth Belcher, Versie Melissa Kelley and Eria Church with Rev. Mark Ward with Rev. Jimmy Maddox, Rev. nine brothers and sisters, Barnes, Carolyn Lawrence, Lindsey Belcher, Re. J.M. officiating. Burial followed in Walter Faulk, Rev. Ashley
Lawrence Bryant, Johnnie Ruth
Bryant is the pastor at Bullock Community Cemetery Faulk, Rev. Jimmy Eddins, and August 21, at Southview Baptist Church Building Fund. Belcher, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Friendship M.B. Church, with Hayes Funeral Home of Rev. Rick Hayes officiating. Church, Burial was held at McLaughlin Mortuary, I' Rev. N.L. Robinson, Annie ***Milton and Bettye Belcher, Elba directing.

God bless. Today is a good day!

Eria Mr. Joseph A. McDermott, Mobile, AL; Flay Logan of Bronze Star. He served as a Harvey Williams officiating and Elba, Ala., died Dec. 22, 2002 at Payne of Newton, AL. Mr. McDermott was an active LULA MARLER

Columbus. Funeral services were held Ala. Dec. 27, 2002 from the Chapel Funeral services were held Survivors include his wife of with Father Joe Wadas and Baptist Church of the Bullock daughter and son in law, Sara Father Hugh Maguire officiat: Community with Rev. Mark and Al Smith of Elba, AL; a

Evergreen Cemetery of Elba officiating. Burial followed in Troy, AL; a brother-in-law, with Hayes Funeral Home the Friendship Community Charles M. South and a sister-Survivors include his wife: Home of Elba directing.

Beatrice McDermott, Elba; one Mrs. Marler was preceded in two nephews. daughter: Mary Lynn death by her husband, Joe A memorial service was con-McDermott, Hamilton, Ohio; Marler, one son and daughter-in-law: Survivors include her daugh-Joey and Paulette McDermott, ter: Louise Marler, Elba; and Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister: several nieces and nephews. Mary MacLeod, Moncton New Brunswick, Canada: five grand- EARL M. HOLDER

Tribute To

children.

Earl Holder was born oldwater Mississippi, drafted n 1943 shortly after graduatg from high school. He was ssigned to the Navy and after boot camp sent ained to become a Radioman. He spent his time during World War II in Hawaii in the omunications Center for the Mores Code and used a key send but when he retired in 978, he was using computers. After World War II he ntered college where he met and married Christine Hardy, a

ative of Elba. He was the first minister for Vestside Baptist Church, when it was started as a mission in he summer of 1953. Much interest was shown in the new work and supported by First Baptist Church-Elba. Rev. M. L. Seay (pastor) and the deacons also supported and worked with Rev. R.A.

A tent was used in the beginning but later replaced by a louse which was on the lot where the regular Westside laptist Church stands today. Vork continued and new people came and shortly a church

Mr. Holder was the minister until the summer of 1956. He eentered the Navy and emained until 1978. Upon retirement he and his

vife made their home in Orlando, FL. He worked with local churches and did mission work as well as taught school. His teaching career ended much sooner than he wanted it o, because of ill-health. Until his death he spoke fondly of his tudents and co-teachers at Oak Ridge High School where he taught English. In his later years with

& flowers (his favorite - roses) He also enjoyed his family specially grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is missed by his family hurch, neighbors and friends.

Survivors, include his wife ducted Sunday, December 29, ***Thinking of you, Praying Church, Glenwood, AL, Mrs. Janice Bryan, age 62, of B. Franklin Lowery, age 53, Christine Holder; children, 2002, at 2:00 pm at the For You: The Copelands, Pierce December 29. Attending from One Lane Drive, Brantley, Ala., of 2173 County Rand 21/5 Jack, Rose and Crosby Ream, Community Church, Highway services were held at Hayes dren and 2 great-grandchil- Hudson. The reverends Bob

Donald B. Hudson went to be TINNIE SMITH Montgomery, Vickie Watson, Survivors include his wife, with the Lord on Friday the 27th COPELAND Bryan, Brantley, and one sister: Destince Lowery, and Arielle The Copy Center.

Lowery all of Jack; one broth- Mr. Hudson served in the Dec. 30, 2002 from Springfield er, Jack Lowery of Jacksonville. Pacific as a Sergeant in World Missionary Baptist Church in JOSEPH A. MCDERMOTT FL: three sisters. Fran Turner of War II and was awarded the New Brockton with Rev. age 72, of 720 Reese Avenue, Sevierville, TN and Mary (Bay) Warrant Officer in the Army Coleman Funeral Home of Elba . Reserve in a Montgomery unit directing. Ms. Copeland was preceded in death by her husfollowing the war.

After retiring, Donald and his band, Poter Copeland, and 20 member of St. Johns Catholic - Mrs. Lula Marler, age 96, of wife, Tina, moved to Santa Rosa sisters and brothers. Church where he served as a 4346 Elba Hwy., Elba, Ala., Beach, FL. He was a member of Survivors include several member of the Knights of died Dec. 20, 2002 at Medical the Community Church of Santa nieces and nephews; and Center Enterprise, Enterprise, Rosa Beach and served as treas- friends: Pasty Pruitt and urer of the church for five years. Alwanya Nelson. of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba Dec. 22, 2002 at Friendship 55 years, Tina South Hudson; a

ing. Burial followed in Ward and Rev. Daniel Marler grandson Stephen Smith of Cemetery with Hayes Funeral in-law Margie Hudson, both of Funeral Home Montgomery; three nieces and

children and seven great-grand- Earl M. Holder, age 77, RMC USN retired, passed away August 18, 2002. Born in Coldwater Mississippi, he was

Burial followed in Evergreen Chapel Hill Cemetery in Chestnut Ave, Fort Walton, Beach, FL was in charge of

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Annual Matron Day to be held at Greater Springfield M.B.Church

Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton, to celebrate Annual Matron Day.

The theme will be "Put on

The Whole Armor of God." (Ephesians 6:11) This event will be held Sunday, January 12 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Eugene Smith will be the guest speaker from Jackson

Chapel Church of Christ, Capps, Alabama. Pastor at Greater Springfield Missionary Church is Harvey C.

C.C.Baptist Institute of Samford University to begin classes January 13

The Coffee County Baptist Institute of Samford Un. .. sity will begin classes on Monday, January 13, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at Granger and Growing in the Christian Life will be taught by Rev. Leon Adams. Classes begin on January 13 and continue through May 31, 2003. Scholarships are available to those who qualify. For more information contact James -Preachers at 347-6717 or Hughes has graduated from field training exercises, and spe-Samford University Extension basic military training at cial training in human relations

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BREAKFAST

Friday - Cheese Grits,

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Force mission, organization, and of the Air Force.

Jan. 6-10, 2003

Monday - Teacher-In- Monday -Tuesday - Cinnamon Tuesday - School Dismissed at Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, 11:20 A.M. No Lunch Served Wednesday - Taco Salad, Corn on Wednesday - Biscuit & the Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk Delly, Sausage, Cereal, Thursday - Hot Dog, Tater Tots, California Style Vegetables, Peanut Thursday - Scrambled Butter Cake, Milk

English Peas, Roll 1/2 Orange, Milk

Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Friday - Fried Chicken, Rice



Center at 603 E. McKinnon in ON SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22. The Elba United Aaron Tidwell, Joe Daugherty New Brockton. II. Corinthians Methodist Church held their annual church-wide Christmas Party will be taught by Dr. John and was surprised by a visit from this gentleman pictured above.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

JAMES K. HUGHES

Air Force Airman James K. training, rifle marksmanship.

Kinston High School, Ala

Vietnam Veterans of 373 to meet

lies are welcome to attend. Open R.N., HIV/AIDS Coordinator, to the public. For more informa- Alabama Department of Public

Kelley Foods of Alabama, Inc. entertain employees with Christmas Dinner

Kelley Foods Of Alabama. Inc. held its annual Christma Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Elba High School. After the meal, adults and children were entertained by a magician from Montgomery. Games were played and door prizes awarded, and a visit was made by Santa, who passed out candy. During the program, new team members were recognized and service pins presented. These were: 5 YEARS

10 YEARS Ray Wheeler, Anthony Thomaston, Timothy Nelso 15 YEARS Jimmy D. Smart, Donnon Thompson, Scottie Sullivant, Randy McKinney 20 YEARS Steve McCall, Steve Deal 25 YEARS

Timmy Kyles, Phil Tew

Earnest Marler 30 YEARS

The Southeast Al HIV Prevention Community Planning Group to meet

Planning Group of Public Health Area Ten will meet in plete basic training earn credits

Central Alabama Community During the six weeks of train- toward an associate degree Planning Group and the ing, the airman studied the Air through the Community College Southeast Alabama Care Consortia on January 7, 2003 at military customs and courtesies: Hughes is the son of James 10:00 a.m. at the Charles performed drill and ceremony Hughes of Elba, Ala., and Henderson Child Health Center marches, and received physical Romona Siedell of Grand Bay. (1330 Highway 231 South, Troy, Ala.) in the basement clients in Alabama will be the HIV/ AIDS, Community Based Organizations and AIDS Service Vietnam Veterans of America. Organizations as well as the Inc. Chapter 373 will hold its general public are encouraged to regular monthly meeting on attend. Counties in these areas January 9, 2003. Meeting will are: Barbour, Chilton, Autauga, be held at the Clayhatchee Elmore, Montgomery, Macon, Community House, which is Russell, Lee, Bullock, (PHA-8) Providence Baptist Church. The Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike given for their employees. meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. (PHA-10). For more informasharp. Veterans and their fami-tion, please call Delia Reynolds,



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LIFESTYLES

Mr. Farris & Miss Solomon

Solomon-Farris Wedding planned for March 29

University. She is currently Opp on March 29, 2003 at 5 o' the son of Mike Farris of the are invited to attend.

Alabama at Birmingham. Edgar at 1109 Highway 84 The prospective groom is East. All friends and relatives

University of Alabama awards degrees

The University of Alabama The following local students Nine students were named to and Melissa E. Taylor. awarded 1,352 degrees at the were listed as candidates to the Dean's Academic Honor From Kinston-Ashley S. fall commencement ceremony receive degrees: Christina Roll. These students maintained Hunko, Patrick S. Nelson, and held Monday, Dec. 16, in Cook Anderson and Patrick a 4.00 grade-point-average with Kelly A. Odom. Coleman Coliseum on the Ellis Scarborough, both of 46 or more semester hours. From Jack-Elizabeth Luther. Tuscaloosa campus. Elba, Ala.



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Masters-Kendrick wedding held in Birmingham December 28 Kelle Vaughan Kendrick and Charlotte Vaughan McGehee David Haynes Masters, Jr. were and Miss Sarah Elizabeth

inited in holy matrimony on McGehee of Birmingham. December 28, 2002, at the First Alabama, cousins of the bride, United Methodist Church in Miss Dana Kathryn Mishoe of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Doctor Washington, D.C., Miss Kenneth Alan Dunivant and Xiomara Margarita Murray of Doctor William Bailey Morgan New York, New York, Miss officiated at the 6:30 p.m. cere- Lissa Galt Steves of San mony. A reception followed at Antonio, Texas, Miss Carrie North River Yacht Club. Lane Thornton of Marietta, The bride is the daughter of Georgia, and Miss Emily Logan Mr. and Mrs. John Frank Vaughan of Birmingham Kendrick, Jr. of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, cousin of the bride.

Alabama. She is the grand- Mr. Stuart Kaine Carter of

and Mrs. David Haynes Masters Chad Ryan Fontana of Austin, of San Antonio, Texas. He is the Texas, Mr. Adam James Judice grandson of Mrs. Pat Taylor of Of Lafayette, Louisiana, Mr. Georgetown, Texas, Mr. and John Frank Kendrick, III of Mrs. Conway Taylor of Austin, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, brother of an Antonio, Texas.

Ricky Solomon and Jan Basin Community and Linda matte satin and gold threads, Vaughan, Jr. of Birmingham, announce the engagement and grandparents are James and bodice and the front of the A- served as ushers.

Opp High School and a 2001 The wedding will take place Odessa, Texas and Miss Melissa of the University of Opp High School and a 2001

The wedding will take place graduate of Troy State at Southside Baptist Church of Texas attended the bride as employed as a Sales Manager in Working toward a master's clock in the evening. The were Mrs. Rebecca Camp moon trip to St. Lucia, the coudegree in Occupational reception will follow at the Masters of McKinney, Texas, ple will reside in Austin, Texas. Therapy at the University of home of Mr. and Mrs. H.D. sister-in-law of the groom, Miss

Enterprise State Junior College announces Fall Semester Honor Rolls

Enterprise State Junior From New Brockton-College (ESJC) officially Courtney R. Allen, Michelle L. announces the names of stu- Anderson, Jo-Ann M. Hunt, and dents achieving recognition Steven J. Spencer. through the fall semester honor From Elba-Bonnie L.

honorees are: From New Brockton-Courtney R. Allen.

earned President's List certifi- recognized 125 students. the summer semester with a and John J. Windham.

Bergeron, Nels N. Carlson, Richards. Frye, Laura King, Jocelyn Childs, II. Melendez, and Jessica Rittler.

Coffee County Arts Alliance to present The Hungarian Symphony Orchestra

High School Auditorium, sponsored by The Coffee County Arts Alliance of Enterprise. Founded in 1811, the 50 members of the Pècs Symphony Orchestra have performed annual series in Pècs, Budapest and other cities as well as at the

National Theatre in Pècs.

The orchestra has toured extensively throughout Europe as well as the United Kingdom with the Opera Italiana di Milano, and is now under the direction of Peter Szkladányl. The Pècs Symphony orchestra is one of the most dynamically developing orchestras in Hungary and has gained significant fame and reputation in the international world of music. Tickets for this event will be

available at The Jewel Box-Elba; David's Westgate Beauty

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar San Antonio, Texas served the Vaughan, Jr. of Elba, Alabama, groom as best man. Groomsmen and the late Mr. and Mrs. John were Mr. Robert Thomas Frank Kendrick, Sr. of Elba, Aderhold of Los Angeles, California, Mr. Kellis Stuart The groom is the son of Dr. Dibrell of Dallas, Texas, Mr.

Texas, Mrs. Minnie Lee the bride, Mr. Bryan Taylor neiderman of San Antonio, Masters of McKinney, Texas Texas, and Dr. Don Masters of and Mr. Kyle Mitchum Masters of San Antonio, Texas, brothers The bride was given in mar- of the groom, Mr. John Michael riage by her father, John Frank McMullen of Austin, Texas, and Kendrick, Jr. She wore a formal Mr. Clarke Andrew Watson of gown of ivory matte satin San Antonio, Texas. Mr. designed by Ashley Jordan for Lawrence Christian Lacy of mpression Bridal. The bodice Fort Davis, Texas and Mr. of the two piece gown featured a Dustin Lamar Serpas of Ruston, sweetheart neckline, trimmed Louisiana, cousins of the with a small braid of rolled groom, and Mr. Murry Caldwell

late James Din Sasser of Opp 2002 graduate of Troy State tip veil of silk illusion trimmed University of Texas School of one. There is no entry fee. entrants. Ezra Solomon of Babbie. Miss a bachelor's degree in piece of pearls and crystals. bankruptcy court in Western lines or less: Free Poetry January 17, 2003. Miss Kimberly Ruth Easter of Texas. The groom is a graduate

De Vaughan, Edie L. Grantham,

Dean's Academic Honor Roll The Dean's List, also compiled at the end of every semester, recognizes full-time students (scheduling 12 or more From Kinston-Kelly A. hours), who maintain a minimum of a 3.59 GPA during the Fifty-six ESJC students semester. The fall semester list

cates. These students obtained a From New Brockton-Justin 4.00 grade-point-average during R. Poss, Christine E. Whitaker, course load of at least 12 semes- From Elba-Austin Boothe, ter hours. Helen Lawford, Monique J. From Ft. Rucker—Amanda From Jack—Matthew

President's List honorees are: Ordon, and Sonya M. Parker. Francene E. Cole, Lesley D. From Kinston-Arthur

The Hungarian Symphony Salon, The Framery, Plain & Orchestra will be performing Fancy-Enterprise; ITR Office January 17, 2003, 7:30 p.m., in Soldier Center-Ft. Rucker and Enterprise at the Enterprise Northcutt's on Main-Dothan.

FOR



Mrs. David Haynes Masters, Jr.

Solomon, both of Opp, Dennis of Enterprise. His and a basque waistline. The Alabama, cousin of the bride, Poem writing contest deadline is January 17

forthcoming marriage of their Mathalyn Farris of the Basin line skirt were embroidered in Miss Janet Amber Strang of Write a poem and win the Contest, 1626 N Wilcox Ave. daughter, Stacey Lynne, to Mr. Community the late Roy and ivory and gold threads. The Signal Mountain, Tennessee \$1,000.00 grand prize! #126, Hollywood, CA 90028. James Michael Farris. The Cleo Seay of Kinston. Mr. back of the gown featured box was the scripture reader. Hollywood's Famous Poets Or enter on-line at bride-elect is the granddaugh- Farris is a 1997 graduate of pleats and an attached cathedral The bride is a graduate of Society is sponsoring a new www.famouspoets.com. A winter of Louise Sasser and the Kinston High School and a length train. She wore a finger- Hollins College and the poetry contest, open to every- ner's list will be sent to all

and Eva Solomon and the late University, where he received in satin and attached to a head- Law. She is employed with the To enter send one poem of 21 The deadline for entering is



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Editor: Sheena Flowers

Students attend UAB Honor Band are: Chase Boutwell, Melissa by Kimberly Farris

Six students from Elba High Bass Clarinet. Katie Driggers Nelson, Shambria Samuel, Brad School traveled to Birmingham, tried out on the French Horn and Sullivant, Randell Tyson, Ben Alabama on December 5, 2002 made the Green Band, which Coppage, Trey Grantham, to participate in the University was conducted by Alfred Dustin Rhoades, Ashton of Alabama in Birmingham Watkins. Courtney Pelham, a Grimes, Cornelius Wright, Lacy Senior High Honor Band. The trumpet player, made the Gold Carlile, Andy Waddail, Bart community for supporting our sales are used to fund various and Industrial Lifts for donating honor band lasted three days and Band, as well as, Kimberly Barnes, Chris Brunson, Blake FFA program by buying fruit trips, shop and classroom supon December 7th the honor Farris and Justin Watkins, who Lambert, Colby Skinner, from our members. Fruit sales plies and equipment, and other Windham for donating the use bands performed a concert. play the Contra Bass Clarinet. Matthew Williams and Jonathan promote responsibility, sales- agriscience related activities. of a pallet jack to unload the All of the students auditioned Gold Band was conducted by Smith.

before judges for chair place- Rick Murphy. ment on Thursday afternoon. While at UAB the students everyone in the surrounding gram. The profits from our Superstitions remain a part of life and were composed of everyone located.

There were three honor bands. practiced several hours a day, Samuels, was made up of the ed Five Points South, a popular best players on each instrument area of Birmingham where five at the honor band. Green and streets intersect and many busi-Gold Band were equal bands nesses and restaurants are

Elba FFA members tackle football stadium project

by Katie Driggers

was recently made eligible. So, 21;

Elba Agriscience students (FFA members) started work back in November on a retaining wall project on the football field. In Tiger Stadium, there has been a problem with the hill eroding on the visitor's side of the football field. The third and fourth block agriscience classes have already cleaned off the sidewalk, dug the footer and poured the footer with concrete. The remainder of the project will be completed after the Christmas holidays. The students are learning about laying out structures, measuring, pouring footers, ordering and finishing concrete, laving blocks and many other skills that will be useful to these students in the future



Developing citizenship means Elba will hold the April 12 ACT • Test Date of June 14 with becoming a productive, respon- test. The remaining ACT test registration deadline of May 9 sible and contributing member dates are: of society. People who exhibit • Test Date of Feb. 8 with reg- 23.

sions, and care about others. Contributing to society and exhibiting citizenship.



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The Elba FFA Chapter held its annual fruit sale this fall. The three top sellers were: Brad Sullivant, Cornelius Wright and Chris Brunson. They will

receive \$100, \$50 and \$31 respectively.

boxes or more will be treated to a steak supper at the high school prepared by Mr. Davis and Mr. Cook, Jacob Forbes, Laura else. . Katrina Farris made the Grover, Chafin Johnson, Festival Honor Band on the Kelekia Magwood, Nicholas

We would like to thank among the students in our pro- special thanks to Hubert Bryan in the fruit.

Festival band, conducted by Sue went to the Galleria, and visit- Students attend SEUS. Honor Band by Kimberly Farris

Middle School Honor Band Superstitions are based on the Several students from the from December 5-7, 2002. The experience that people have Elba band program attended the honor band was held at Troy gone through. They have some-State University, where the stu- how survived the test of time, dents practiced several hours a persisting among the uneducat-

ed and the educated. Nearly all day with guest conductors. There were three bands at the of us have at some point experihonor band. The Gold Band ence the uncanny truth in a was composed of the best musi-superstition. We may define a cians on each instrument and superstition as an oral statement their conductor was Dr. Johnnie of some folk belief or practice. Vinson of Auburn University. A belief may be true or false, but Crimson Band and Silver Band superstitions are almost always were two equal honor bands said to be false. But this is up to composed of those who did not the person to decide what they make Gold Band. Crimson want to believe in. Most super-Band was conducted by Jane stitions are chanted or versified, Seanor from Cartersville, like the well known one about Georgia and Silver Band was the corral snakes, "If red touchconducted by Vincent Rossie es yellow, you're a dead fellow. If red touches black, you're OK rom Atlanta, Georgia.

Jamison Baker made the jack." Some, still, are just sim-Gold Band, the top honor band. ple statements as if they are laws Drew Ellis, Kayla Miller, to be followed. I have found a Tierney Starks, Hannah few interesting superstitions to Manning, and Brianna Bailey share with you. The students pour concrete in an effort to solve the problem. made the Crimson Band and . It's bad luck if your first visi-Lauren McClung made the tor on New Year's Day is a lady.

istration deadline of Jan. 3 and Mrs. Weeks has applied for • Test Date of April 12 with OUR YOUTH Elba High School to become an registration deadline of March 7 EDUCATION ACT test center, and the school and late registration of March 8-AND and late registration of May 10-



Elba FFA members conduct successful fruit sale

If you tell a lie, throw salt Cooper!!! over your shoulder to keep away If you kiss your elbow, you SALUTE!! will turn into a girl.

manship and cooperation We would like to extend a tractor-trailer rigs that brought

by Jessica Lauren Hathcock If you get hair in your mouth,

you are going to kiss a fool.

by Shawna Hill

SCHOOLS citizenship often do well in Short Story: Murder in Cooperstown - written by Duke Carr

> on the other messages, and it was was trying to hide something.

to finish the paperwork on my last knew was the great baseball playple, there seemed to be no sign that
the force starting a name? I intended to find murderer. I asked around about the guard, I had enough to convict him; howbut nobody knew anything. The ever, before I could get to him, he

This week's spotlight focuses on is senior Alan Cooper. He is the 18-year-old son of ing on inside out. Wear it that Alan co-ops with Elba Parks

way all day to ward off bad luck. and Recreation. He is involved If you let someone sweep in VICA and likes to spend to under your feet, you'll have his time fishing and hunting. Congratulations to Alan

cise based on the belief that

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the Enterprise-based group.

during Spring Semester

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every effort to get out of your Study Club meeting

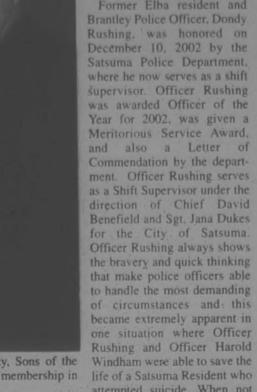
But what if you best efforts o avoid an ill-tempered rattler out for a mid-day sunning fails? When I asked my doctor for his recommendation on the best snakebite kit, he told me it was a reliable car to get you to. he emergency room. He also pointed out that not all bites rom poisonous snakes result in venom being injected into he victim.

Medical personnel emphasize the need to remain as calm as possible if you are bitten because the odds of survival are definitely in your favor. A bite from a small copperhead is not as dangerous as one from a large rattler. If a snake has

Former Elba resident and Brantley police



Marion B. Brunson, left, past president of the Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the Windham were able to save the American Revolution, received a certificate and pin recognizing his 35 years of active membership in life of a Satsuma Resident who on patrole Officer Rushing does more than his the National Society. Chapter president James D. Lee, right, made the presentation.



attempted suicide. When not



Sleep All Winter How many times have you depleted venom supply.

heard that snakes hibernate all Glancing bites, where the fangs

winter? I well remember my do not make full contact and first raccoon hunts with rela- venom is released outside are tives who told me not to worry quite common and much less about rattlesnakes and moc- serious. casins after the first heavy. In my youth I thought the only good snake was a dead When I started quail hunting snake, but this was erroneous

with an older friend and wit- thinking. Snakes are a part of nessed his bird dog point a natures balance system that couple of rattlesnakes in keeps rodents and other vermin January, I realized their advice in check. If we are careful and was less than accurate. avoid them, they will usually

Let's Go...

service to the Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the enthusiasts are much more American Revolution. Making the presentation on Dec. 12 was likely to encounter snakes in east during the winter each year. A winter snake encounter usually occurs when the tem-ESJC to offer Yoga for You perature is abnormally warm for the season and most often occurs from mid-day to early afternoon. While snakes can't tolerate much sun during hot

short periods.

Another misconception i

snake may be sluggish from the happen most often around

"edge" areas where forest and Jan. 16 brush piles and rocky areas | board meeting reaching into heavy vegetation Inauguration Day to retrieve a downed bird. Most any snake, poisonous or non-poisonous, will make Club; New Seasons

way, and often warn you of it's Jan. 23 - Elba DRA presence, if it knows you are meeting approaching. Even some nonpoisonous snakes can vibrate their tails so fast against leaves | Council meeting or grass that they make a Jan. 28 - Elba Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast whirring sound. If one hears Club this whirring noise or the unmistakable rapid buzz of an Jan. 31 - Job Club meeting eastern diamondback or timber | Shadowing Day attler, give the area a wide

officer honored for service in line of duty Former Elba resident and



eral surrounding cities. Officer thanks.

also serves on the Joint part to keep drugs and crime Narcotics Enforcement Team off the streets of his communi-INET), a group of law ty and we would just like to enforcement officers from sev- take this opportunity to say



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chapter president James D. Lee. During the event, chapter members the warmer months, several and guests also observed the 10th anniversary of the chartering of people are bitten in the south-

Feb. 4 - Elba Rotary Breakfast

Calendar of Events and Meetings

Club meeting

Club meeting

Club meeting

January 2003 Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Feb. 5 - Azalea Garden Council meeting weather, they will bask in open Jan. 7 - Elba Rotary Club

areas on a warm winter day for Jan. 8 - Azalea Garden Feb. 10 - Elba City Club meeting that a rattlesnake will always Jan. 13 - Elba City

"rattle" before it strikes. Council According to a herpetologist Jan. 14 - Elba Rotary friend, this is not so, either. A Club cold temperature or caught by Jan. 15 - Elba

warning. Situations like this board meeting deserve special vigilance also.

Dove and quail hunters should

Jan. 20 - Martin Luther

King Is's birthday: be especially careful when King Jr.'s birthday; Feb. 24 - Elba City Council meeting

Jan. 27 - Elba City

February 2003 March 7 - Elba COC Feb. 2 - Groundhog Day sponsored Legislative

Elba Study Club meeting Board meeting

Chamber of Commerce Spring Board meeting Council meeting Jan. 21 - Elba Rotary Feb. 25 - Elba Rotary AEA Spring Break Club

> March 2003 March 1 - Elba Lions

March 4 - Elba Rotary Elba Chamber of March 5 - Azalea Garden Club meeting your event added to

March 11 - Elba Rotary Council meeting March 17 - St. Patrick's Feb. 11 - Elba Rotary Day March 18 - Elba Rotary Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day Club meeting; New Feb. 17 - President's Seasons Study Club surprise and strike without Economic Development Feb. 18 - Elba Rotary March 20 Elba

March 10 - Elba City

Club; New Seasons Chamber of Commerce open land meet. Fencerows. Chamber of Commerce Feb. 20 - Elba March 21 - First Day of March 24 - Elba City March 24 thru 28 March 25 - Elba Rotary Feb. 27 - Elba DRA Club meeting March 27 - Elba DRA

> Contact the Commerce to have the calendar!!



Mary Katherine Head charities and organizations is an My job is one of the most fright- seem to focus on the case that I noticed that there was a group of Humpty Dumpty sat on a After further examination of the outstanding way to show citi- ening jobs that you could ever was closing. Finally, I closed my policemen standing at home plate. wall, zenship. Social and personal imagine to have. Day in and day office and went home for the They were staring down at what Humpty Dumpty had a great was the exact same as the writing

Counselor's Corner

skills, such as reflective problem out, I witness the sick things that night. But throughout the night, I looked like a body covered in a fall; solving, and setting and attainsolving, and setting and attainsolving, and setting and attainsolving, and setting and attainsolving and setting and setting and setting and setting attainsolving at right. I am a homicide detective. been so important about that par-quickly looked at the body. It was the King's men ing goals, are very important in My daily routine is always the ticular case that it would be classis my childhood hero, Casey Couldn't put Humpty What did it all mean? I intended to same. I walk in every day and fied. So I got out of bed and went Mudville. pick up the paper work for my down to the Unadilla Police I asked, "What happened?" next case. Usually, I can deal with Station to examine the folder. He stated, "Casey committed decided to return to Doubleday house that night and talk to him. I

late registration of Jan. 4-17;

the cases and go on with my life Inside was a sheet of paper with suicide by leaping from a 50-foot Field to investigate. While at the thought I could catch him off pretending that they had not really words printed in big, bold letters. platform behind home plate." happened. But my next case It read: would be different. I would never There is no joy in Mudville sure that he committed suicide?" through the bushes behind the it. He wouldn't let me inside. be able to pretend it did not hap- Mighty Casey has struck out He said, "There is no evidence field. As I looked back, I noticed After asking him some questions, I pen; there would be something I did not understand the mean- that he was murdered, so he must he was the guard at the stadium figured he wasn't going to cooperabout this case that would always ing of this message, so I decided I have committed suicide." haunt me. I had walked into my office that some thought, I went to my suicide, for I knew he was murhe wouldn't let me come near him. Field he was again behind the

my desk and found a folder that puzzled by the CLASSIFIED Casey died. had the word CLASSIFIED writ- message. ten in big, bold letters on the front. He said, "Take all the time you around the stadium looking for Casey Mudville, a baseball hero, ing, he ran away but dropped a

ordinary case, I didn't pay it a lot message." of attention. I set it aside and With his approval, I started my who witnessed this crime. After I planned to open it later. I wanted investigation. The only Casey I had examined all the possible peo-PICTURE OF THE case before starting a new one. er, Casey "Humpty" Mudville. I Casey had been murdered. At WEEK...Brandon, who did But as the day wore on, there was was alarmed, for I had not heard least there wasn't a sign until I something about those words that that my baseball hero, Casey search through Casey's wallet. Mudville was dead.

He said, "You can not enter."

All throughout the day, I couldn't made my way into the stadium, I It read:

be the same routine. I sat down at start an investigation. He was also sage had been delivered before Thinking that it was just another need to get to the bottom of that clues, I noticed one of the weirdest things was that there was no one

Inside I found several sheets of Hitting a dead end, I decided to go before committing suicide, he left I started my investigation, and my first stop was Doubleday Field in Cooperstown. This was not really great investigating on my part, for everyone knows that Cooperstown is the 'Home of the cooperstown in the cooperstown is the 'Home of the cooperstown in t Cooperstown is the 'Home of Baseball'. When I arrived at the back of another piece of paper.

The third one had "Strike Three" me a man had come and taken know how or why. While searching the back of another piece of paper.

Casey's body. He signed a release ing the guard's home, we found a Baseball'. When I arrived at the field, there was a swarm of police the back of another piece of paper, I found a note with "You're out!"

Casey's body. He signed a recease and told them he was taking the baseball bat in his closet, I was body to be buried. That was and press everywhere. I did not printed in big, bold letters. The know what was wrong. I took me weirdest incidence was the fact until the next week. So I asked the read, "The Might Casey has struck until the next week. So I asked the quite some time to make my way to the entrance of the field. When I not to the entrance of the field. When I not to the gate there was a secu-As the hours went by, I began to closely examined the tape, I saw I wish I could tell you, but I feel like I would never crack this that indeed a man had come in to can't. I have never found a motive

could not get stranger. I received a

Dumpty together again.

I wasn't sure what this meant. I I decided to go to the guard's scene of the crime, I noticed that guard. When I got to his door, he I asked, "How can you be so someone was looking at me seemed a little eerie about opening

to dig deeper to solve this murder. walk away, I turned and ran-As I started to make my way What was the connection between toward the fence. Seeing me comand that guard? What did Casey's note. The note was exactly like the nickname have to do with the Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme I

With all this evidence, I thought

stadium did not employ a guard. shot himself in the head. But,

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I showed him by badge, but he still would not let me inside. For some strange reason, he said he couldn't know who had murdered Casey. Why would anyone want to murder him? He was a hero. Just as I thought this case could not get stranger, I received a some that indeed a man had come in to pick up the body I rewound the tape and watched again. There was something about the man that was suspicious. He looked like the guard at Doubleday. I asked the mortician if I could have a look at story.)

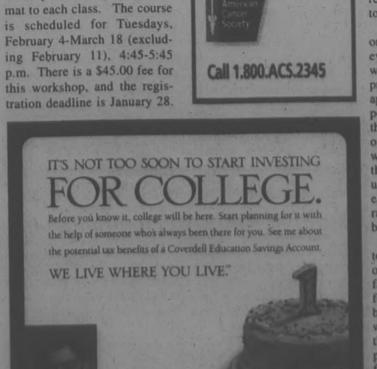
was really turning my attention. So I snuck my way around back message that had a nursery rhyme the release form the man had away from what I should be doing. and climbed over the fence. As I printed in those same bold letters. signed.

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Views from....

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I thought our plan of letting the girls pick out their own clothes for Christmas worked out real well until the day after Christmas, when they woke up and said they needed money to go shopping to take advantage of the after-Christmas sales. I quickly informed them both that Santa had already made a withdrawal from the account. but did dig deep in my pockets and found a little change for a short trip to the mall. Maybe next year we'll let them pick out their gifts the day after Christmas.

DUSTING OFF THE DESK AT THE END OF THE YEAR....

*** The Elba Tigers made their first appearance in the prestigious Dothan Progress/Dothan Eagle Prep Holiday Classic in a number of years last week and got roughed up in a lopsided 84-43 opening round loss to Barbour County. The Tigers carried a 1-5 record into the event and knew they had their hands full against the powerful Jaguars, but actually held their own for much of the opening stanza before Barbour County took command and ran away with the win. The loss dropped Elba's record to 1-6 on the season, and after taking a peek at the remainder of the schedule the only thing that is clear is that the Tigers will have to improve in a hurry if they hope to have a chance at posting a winning record. I know that Elba starts two seniors, one sophomore and two freshmen. However, after playing games against teams like Opp, Enterprise (twice), and Barbour County, the young players aren't young any more and now know what varsity basketball is all about. The Tigers will be underdogs in at least ten of their remaining 13 games, and it will take a true team effort for them to turn things around and get back on track. . "

*** The Red Level Christmas Tournament was held last week over at Red Level High School and once again the tournament included 24 games over a three day span. Eight games a day are played beginning at 9:00 A.M. each day, and every team in the event Elba's Kyle English shoots from behind the arc in last Elba's Marchello Reed (in black) finds his path to the bined record of 1-5. The Gamecocks claimed an opening round win the Dothan Progress/Dothan Eagle Prep Holiday Classic. week's tourney action. Reed and the Tigers will return Bulldogs played hard in losing to Red Level, Straughn and points to lead the Tigers in the tournament. Samson. The players and coaches hate to lose, but getting to play three games over the holidays will do both teams good down the Blasted by Barbour County 84-43 stretch and in a few days all they will remember losing is some sleep. Over in the girls division the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks claimed two wins and placed second behind tournament champion Samson. The Lady Gamecocks opened the tournament with wins over Florala and Red Level, but found the going way too tough in the finals and had to settle for second. The win over Red Level was one for the record books as the New Brockton girls rallied from 17. The Elba Tigers ran head first and are taking; some lumps. Reed with 2:20 left ended the in the fourth quarter, but it points down in the final five minutes to pull out the win. The Lady into the highly-ranked Barbour However, the youngsters are Tigers' scoring drought, the proved to be the only points Gamecocks appeared to be headed for a big loss, but picked up the County Jaguars last week in the learning and we are going to get Jaguars answered with a 6-0 Elba could manage in the intensity late in the game and won one the players will never forget. opening round of the Dothan better."

week and got the chance to talk with a lot of coaches about a lot of Holiday Classic and saw their tip and grabbed a quick 2-0 lead brought the crowd to its feet pulled away and opened up its things, and one thing that everyone agreed on was that as good as record slip to 1-6 on the season on a lay-up by Marcus with a three-pointer from just biggest lead of the game at 79-Region I was this year in high school football, next year it could be after absorbing a lopsided 84-43. Henderson, and then regained across the half-court line at the 35 with 2:17 still left in the even better. The coaches at T.R. Miller hinted that next season could defeat. ery well be its best in many years, and since the Tigers won the "We knew going in that we opening quarter when Kyle was way too little, way too late, three-pointer of the game late state title in 3A this season, that doesn't sound good for their oppo-nents in 2003. Straughn's coaches were also all smiles when asked offense and be patient if we pointers to put the Tigers on top about next season, and everyone agreed that Pike County will be were going to be able to slow 8-6 with 3:55 remaining in the even better next year than it was last season. When W.S. Neal and Clarke County are added to the mix, the coaches I talked with were in agreement that they expect next year's state champion to come from the region, again.

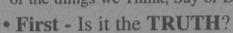
When W.S. Neal and them down," stated Elba's Coach Karl Bledsoe, "and while we did a good job early, the pace of the game picked up because of the game picked up because the mix of the game picked up because the

*** I have watched a little bit of a couple of bowl games, and of the Barbour County press and lead with 5:13 remaining on the while I know the games are fun for the fans of the teams taking part, once we got out of our game basket over the final minutes of clock. A three-pointer by Kyle most of the games carry very little national interest. There are just plan we simply didn't have a the quarter and by the end of the English stopped the Jaguar run. so many games involving so many teams that many of the games are chance. The score got out of first quarter Barbour County However, Barbour County Marcus Henderson 6, LaRay watered down events held just to make money. The folks in other hand late, but I told our players had extended its lead to 21-10. never slowed down on either Williams 4 and Reymar Rogers parts of the country probably feel the same way about the Auburn- after the game that Barbour County opened the end of the court and went into 2. Tyrone Boykin connected on Penn State game. However, that is the only game I really plan on County had the kind of team we second quarter with a 14-2 run the fourth quarter with a com- seven. three-pointers and making time to sit down and watch from the kick off to the final would like to become on day and we could get there if we and we could get there if we 2:53 left in the stanza, and while Kyle English nailed his fifth Barbour County, while

*** In closing....I have watched the movie about Bear Bryant's work hard. We are very young a bucket by Elba's Marchello, three-pointer of the night early Michael Blackmon added 16. 'Junction Boys' twice and will admit that I enjoyed it both times. The critics on talk radio have blasted the movie and called it one of the worst ever; however, for folks in Texas and Alabama that had the honor of being associated with Coach Bryant it brought the coach back to life and only added to the legend. All the die hard Bama second at Red Level fans are reminded all the time that there will never be another Bear, but movies like this help keep him alive, forever!

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the Lady Gamecocks, while Rena Donaldson added 9. Donaldson were both named to

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is guaranteed three games. New Brockton and Kinston both comweek's loss to Barbour County in the opening round of goal blocked by a Barbour County defender in last over Straughn before falling to Red Level and Florala, while the English connected on six three-pointers and scored 23 home on Monday, Jan. 6 when they host the Brantley

Tigers tumble in tournament

spurt that upped their lead to 41- opening six minutes of the *** I went over to the Red Level tournament a couple of days last Progress/Dothan Eagle Prep. Elba controlled the opening 16 late in the half. Kyle English quarter as Barbour County the lead midway through the second quarter buzzer, but it game. English added his sixth

Barbour County picked up where it had left off in the third quarter and opened the stanza with a 7-2 run to take a 50-21

ing with a dunk, but it made no difference in the outcome as

Barbour County claimed the big 84-43 win Kyle English scored 23

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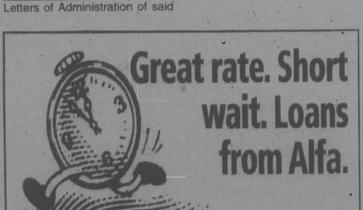
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Kinston at New Brockton (4:30) JV-VG-VB fourth at Red Level tournament

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Gamecocks competed in the and LaNorris Smith added 11 to Red Level Christmas pace the Gamecocks, while Tournament last week and Larry Hudson and Jamie Perry claimed one win in three games both scored 16 points for Red The Enterprise Parks and The Gamecocks opened the to settle for fourth place when

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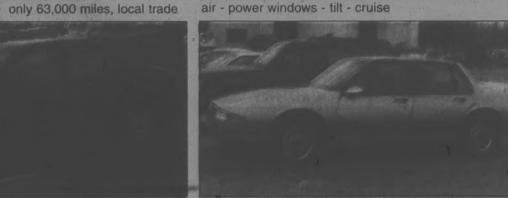
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Without District Four council member New Brockton Council depending on attendance

by Linda Hodge, Editor the council has been looking for a volunteer from the district four at a later date, we will send them During the regular monthly area of New Brockton to step to the governor for him to meeting Monday evening, Jan. forward and agree to feel the appoint someone," Cole said. 6, New Brockton Town Council void: but Cole said that has not As for the current situation, members learned that being happened. He added that he has the mayor said the citizens of absent is not an option right personally spoken with several district four should not feel as

residents from Mayor Charles Cole informed the area, but no With the Council have no reprecouncil members of the impor- one wants to seat presently sentation. He tance of their continued atten- serve as a coundance at meetings due to the res- cil person at this vacant: Citizens of with a concern ignation of former council time. District Four in can call the town member Ricky Strickland on Monday, Nov. 4. Therefore, in New Brockton can hall or any other regards to what

Strickland submitted his res- to do next, Cole call the New to discuss the ignation from the District Four said town clerk Brockton Town Hall matter. seat in November citing two Annette or any other council Also, any permain reasons. He said he was in Williams had or any other council son from the the process of moving out of the spoken with the member to discuss district four area town limits and his job responsition municipality matters in that area, that might be bilities had increased. At that point, the town council the league repre-

Since Strickland's departure, celed.

began its search for Strickland's sentatives indicated that the those citizens on the town replacement; however, two council does not have to have a council for the remainder of the months later, Cole told the district four representative, but current elected term should council members Monday all other council members must contact the New Brockton evening that no one had come be present for the meetings or Town Hall at 894-5550 to find forward to fill the vacancy. those meetings would be can out what paperwork needs to be

New Brockton Town Council establishes due process procedures for law enforcement officers

league. He said

Council received an interesting cedure Monday evening when it, extending the contract to a update from the fire department passed a due process ordinance whole year at \$1,500 per month. Monday evening, Jan. 6, as the for law enforcement officers. If Enterprise Rescue will not new fire chief explained a dona- The ordinance explains what agree to a whole year, the mayor tion the department had qualifies an employee to be con- has the council's approval to

Fire Chief Greg Lee attended cer, that a law enforcement offi-month contract. monetary donation with speci- predisciplinary hearing before unanimous vote.

\$70,882 for a station to be built one.

With the Clintonville area to due process for law enforce- passed unanimously. Fire Department.

council know about the dona- reimburses New Brockton for a time. tion and the plans for the money. portion of the \$1,500.

Lee for attending the meeting to knew why the contract is only \$12,882.11. let them know about the matter for a six month term, and he and asked that he keep them indicated that he would like to Please See TOWN, Page 3 opportunity at receiving jusinformed about fire department see it locked in for a year instead happenings so the town council of just six months. The other council members can be more involved.

ing that law enforcement offi- was for six months either except cers be entitled to a prediscipli- that Enterprise Rescue has prenary due process hearing before ferred it that way in the past.

Brundidge-Phenix City National Guard Unit receives mobilization orders

Gov. Don Siegelman and Maj. time. The initial call-up is for a Gen. Mike Sumrall, the adjutant general of Alabama, announced "When our nation called upon Monday, Jan. 6 that another these brave men and women in Alabama Army National Guard the dark days following Sept. unit has received mobilization The they proudly answered that all," Siegelman said. "Again Approximately 145 personnel today, Alabama service mem-

from the 900th Maintenance bers stand ready to defend free-Company of Brundidge and dom and liberty as they fight the Phenix City will be mobilized in the near future. They will take the activation of the 900th is part in Operation Noble Eagle, part of the ongoing call-up of performing homeland security units for Operations Noble missions at some location in the continental United States. Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than The date of the activation, 3,200 Alabama Army and Air

departure from home station and Guard personnel have been where they will report for duty called to active duty. More than have not been announced at this 2,400 still remain on duty today.

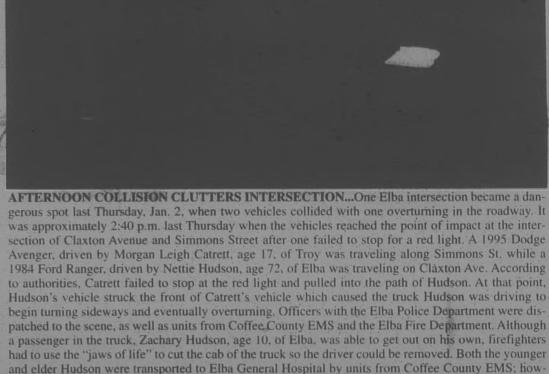
being terminated, the New With that, McMonagle made by Linda Hodge, Editor Brockton Town Council set up a motion that the town accept The New Brockton Town some guidelines for such a pro- the agreement contingent upon

sidered a law enforcement offi- sign the agreement for the six his first meeting as head of the cer of the Town of New Herron provided a second to department and had news of a Brockton is entitled to request a the motion which passed by a

being suspended or terminated Also during the Monday, Lee said the New Brockton and the procedures that shall be meeting, council members con-Fire Department received govern the hearing if a law sidered an ordinance for burn-\$35,000 for a brush truck and enforcement officer requests ing; however, some felt the ordinance needs some more work on in the Clintonville area. He said Having already discussed the the wording before being this money was donated by a ordinance with the town's attor- passed. Therefore, McMonagle to be placed in the Clintonville to vote on the matter. Therefore, Harrison to table this ordinance

being a service area for the New ment officers. His motion In other business, the council: Brockton Fire Department, Lee received a second from council * Approved a motion to said this station would be a member Johnnie Herron and extend the fundraiser meeting branch of the New Brockton passed by a unanimous vote. date from Jan. 23 to sometime in He added that the department discussing the town's emer- give everyone more time to has to account for every penny it gency medical services contract recover from the holiday season Three local attorneys were Recognized were Jackson W. Pittman and Alice Anderson all

With the Alabama State and mayor all said they did not Legislature previously mandat- understand why the contract Area Happenings



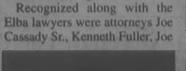
was approximately 2:40 p.m. last Thursday when the vehicles reached the point of impact at the intersection of Claxton Avenue and Simmons Street after one failed to stop for a red light. A 1995 Dodge Avenger, driven by Morgan Leigh Catrett, age 17, of Troy was traveling along Simmons St. while a 1984 Ford Ranger, driven by Nettie Hudson, age 72, of Elba was traveling on Claxton Ave. According to authorities, Catrett failed to stop at the red light and pulled into the path of Hudson. At that point, Hudson's vehicle struck the front of Catrett's vehicle which caused the truck Hudson was driving to begin turning sideways and eventually overturning. Officers with the Elba Police Department were dislocal citizen who expressed his ney, council member Ron made a motion with a second patched to the scene, as well as units from Coffee County EMS and the Elba Fire Department. Although desire for the station and truck McMonagle said he was ready from council member Vicky a passenger in the truck, Zachary Hudson, age 10, of Elba, was able to get out on his own, firefighters had to use the "jaws of life" to cut the cab of the truck so the driver could be removed. Both the younger community to better serve the he made a motion to accept until the working session to be and elder Hudson were transported to Elba General Hospital by units from Coffee County EMS; how-Ordinance No. 03-01 pertaining discussed further. The motion ever, the injuries appeared to be only minor. Catrett escaped the collision without injury and was not transported to the hospital. Investigating the accident for the Elba Police Department were officers Michael Hines and Austin Redmon. Above, the area in which the truck traveled is evident through debris left on the roadway while emergency personnel work together to remove Hudson from the vehicle as quickly and safely as possible.

The council again found itself March. Herron said this will Three Elba attorneys among those honored at reception

with Enterprise Rescue when and allow the committee to put among those honored on Stokes who will mark 50 years of Enterprise. With no action required from Mayor Charles Cole said the together a more informative December 19th at the reception of law practice on January 25th the council on the matter, Lee agreement was up for renewal at presentation. A more specific held at Enterprise Courthouse. when he also celebrates his 74th said he simply wanted let the \$1,500 per month. The county date will be announced at a later Judge Gary McAliley stated that birthday, Garth Lindsey who has * Approved a motion to pay show appreciation for the years and Robert E. Cannon Council members thanked McMonagle asked if anyone the monthly bills totaling lawyer's efforts and many years who retired after 50 years from of service to ensure that the peo- the law firm he established in - ple of Coffee County had an 1952.

the day was a "celebration to been practicing in Elba for 45

a short program in the courtroom where he introduced each of the honorees as well as local and county dignitaries. A seafood luncheon was then served to the large crowd of friends attending. Recognized along with the





Jackson W. Stokes

